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The Secretary to the Government of Madras

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Ref:-B.P.Rt.No.7335/47 dated 23-12-1947.

Subject:- AGRICULTURAL-Grow More Food Campaign-Financial assistance to private individuals in agricultural enterprise-Execution of works- excavation of a spring channel for irrigation purposes and reclamation of lands in 63.Timalapur village-Hadagalli Taluk-Bellary district.

I, M.Madhava Rao, pensioner and land holder, Magalam, Hadagalli taluk, Bellary District, beg leave to apply for the grant of subsidy and loan amounting to 6000/- under the terms of B.P. quoted above.

2. I am the holder of a special rate tank in 63.Timalapur village, Hadagalli Taluk, Bellary district. This village is about 3 miles from Magalam in the same taluk, the latter having a population of about 2500. Both these villages stand on the bank of the Tungabhadra river. The land revenue income from Magalam is about ₹13,500/- and that of Timalapuram about ₹2000/-. I hold lands in both these villages to the extent of about 170 acres, the extent held by me at Timalapur alone being about 110 acres.

3. The special rate tank at Timalapur was originally a ruined Government tank. It was granted to my father in 1885, i.e. some 62 years ago, subject to the condition that it should be repaired and put in order at the cost of the grantee himself under the rules laid down in the Board's standing order. The tank was accordingly repaired and put in order at a great cost. The ayacut of the tank at the time of its grant was fixed at 26 acres, the special rate then charged being Rs.2-8-0 per acre. During re-settlement the rate was enhanced to Rs.2-11-0 per acre. The total special rate now levied thus comes to Rs.69-14-0. The survey numbers comprising the ayacut are given below:-

S.No.	113	A. 7.99	-	Rs.21-7-0
"	114	B 11.70		Rs.31-7-0
"	120	A 1~~3~~.& 71.		Rs. 4-10-0
"	123	A 1.38		Rs.3-11-0
"	124	B 3.24		Rs.8-11-0
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4. The depth of the tank is about 6 feet, and its capacity is less than four months' supply. It was discovered very soon that the supply was inadequate for irrigating the whole extent of the ayacut. My father's efforts for over 25 years to bring under irrigation at least one half of the ayacut proved fruitless. Year after year he found that the estate was becoming a loosing concern. He had deluded himself to believe that the acquisition of the tank would be a family asset, but he found that it proved to be a white elephant. The idea of raising any wet crop was given up. Dry crops were raised for some time, but even that course proved un-profitable, mainly due to the recurring adverse seasonal conditions. The cultivation of the entire ayacut was totally given up. Small wonder then that the whole of the extent is now lying fallow, and is overgrown with underwood. The cost of reclamation, with my slender resources, has become, owing to the rising level of labour wages, almost prohibitive.

5. For the reconstruction of the bund and the repair of sluice, my father ~~has~~ invested something like ₹10,000/-. The acquisition of the tank had thus been made at a great cost. The cultivation of the ayacut having proved to be unproductive he had to resort to the cultivation of the bed of the tank. This device had to be adopted to meet at least the special rate and the dry assessment payable to Government every year. It proved totall inadequate to compensate for the loss already incurred. The catchment area of the tank is 84.52 ~~the area~~ acres, bearing S.No.89 assessed at Rs.10-9-0. The whole of the extent was also assigned to my father on patta at the time of the grant. A portion of this area, to the extent of about 40 acres, is silted up, and has become fit for raising not only dry crops but also dry paddy, when the tank become dry. The total special rate and the dry assessment payable to Government annually comes to Rs.100/-. P.T.O.

The income derived from the cultivation of the bed is barely sufficient to meet this charge. Often during untimely heavy rains the tank suddenly receives fully supply overnight. Then the standing crops are submerged resulting in a total loss of the crops grown. During such years no remission is granted to the tank holder and I have to pay the whole land revenue myself from my pocket.

6. Now that the Government of India come forward with a bold policy regarding their "Grow More Food Campaign", ~~under~~ and are prepared to make liberal grants to the local Government for private works coming under this scheme, I venture to lay before the Government the following scheme with the sincere belief that it is one, by the execution of which the objective in view, namely, the expansion of cultivation and the growing of more food crops for some degree atleast may be achieved.

7. The tank has a supply channel to feed it. At the upper reaches of this channel there are two spring heads. These spring heads contain an abundant supply of water during all seasons, and they are situated in S.Nos.106 and 185, which are classed as 'Vanka Porambok A rough plan is enclosed showing the tank, its bund, and its ayacut and the position of the spring heads. The spring heads are marked as 'letters 'X' and 'Y'. They are at a distance of one mile from the water spread area of the tank. To get the supply of water required for irrigation purposes, it is essential to excavate a channel about one mile in length from the springs to the tank bed, and ~~that~~ thence eventually to the sluice as shown in the sketch enclosed. There is every hope of getting abundant supply if these sources are tapped and a channel is constructed. That there is immense scope here for the expansion of both wet and dry cultivation, and thereby for the production of more food crops is beyond doubt. The construction of the channel, including the cost of excavation and masonary work, may, according to the lay estimate, come up to Rs.3000/-. Besides this the whole of the ayacut area and the bulk of the catchment area as well has to be reclaimed and rendered fit for cultivation purposes. At the present prevailing rate of high wages this is estimated to cost roughly about Rs.3000/-.

The cost of the whole scheme thus comes to Rs.6000/- roughly. To arrive at a correct estimate the whole scheme has to be examined and investigated by a special staff of the P.W.D. Department. One half of the estimated cost may be granted to me as a loan on the favourable terms offered by the Government of India in its letter No.M.F.8.103/47G.M.F., dated 14/15-10-1947. The other half may be met by the Govefnment in the shape of subsidy. If on investigation by the Expert department any other more suitable scheme is proposed, I am prepared to abide by the terms of the ~~alter~~ altered scheme. In either case I am prepared to offer substantial security for the loan to be granted.

8. Timalapur village is at a distance of about 45 miles from the Dam to be constructed under the Tungabhadra Project near Mallapur, Hospet Taluk. My special rate tank is in no way affected by the said project. In the revenue account of Thimalapur only two S.Nos.namely S.Nos.1 & 23 are marked as being possibly liable to be affected by it. These two survey numbers about the bank of the river, and they are at a distance of more than 2 miles from the ayacut area of the tank.

9. Lastly, I beg that orders may kindly issued for the preparation of the plans and estimates by the P.W.D. Department. So that the scheme may be taken up for execution with the least possible delay.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant,

M. Madhava Rao
pensioner

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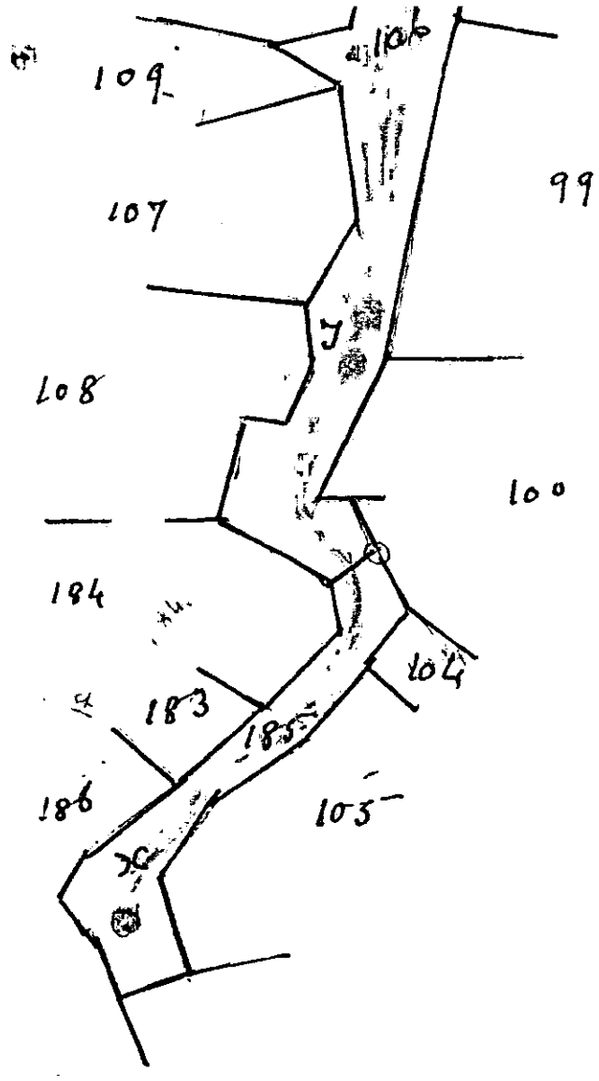
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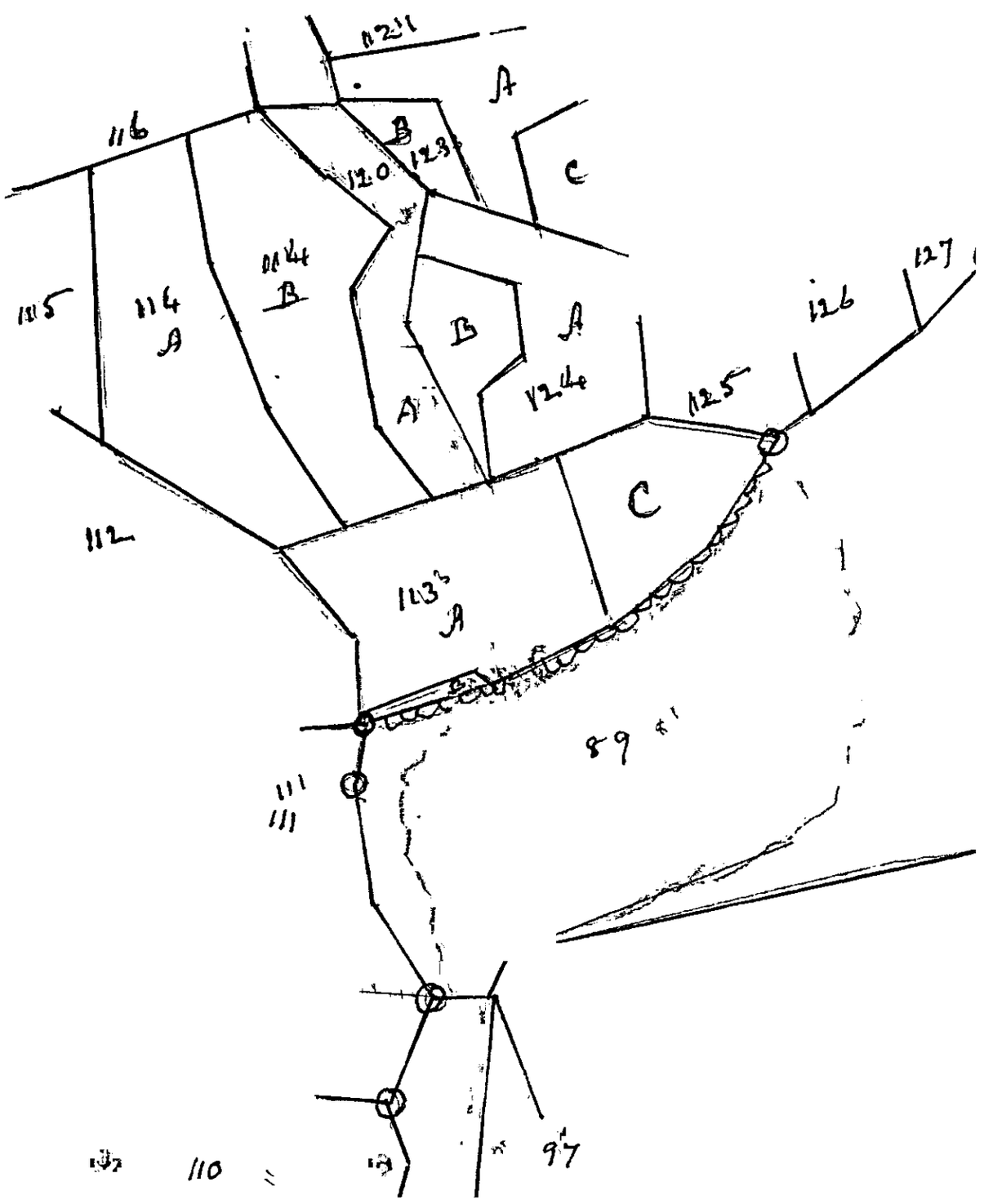

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Grow More Food (Bellary) - Hadagalli taluk - Imalap village - Excavation of a spring channel for irrigation purposes - Loan and subsidy - Grant - Request - ~~Order passed~~ petition

From Sri M. Madhava Rao petition dated 21.3.48

The petitioner is informed that he is not entitled to any subsidy and that he if so advised may apply for a loan under the Land Improvement Loans Act

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16/4/48

To

Sri M. Madhava Rao,
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Rev Dept

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Grow More Food. (Bellary) - Hadagalli taluk - Timalapur village. Excavation of a spring channel for irrigation purposes. Loan and subsidy grant. Report. --

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From Sri M. Madhava Rao petition dated 21.3.48.

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Please see the petition at pp 1-4 cf.

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2. The petitioner requests that he may be granted a sum of Rs 6000 for excavating a channel for supplying water to (a private) irrigation tank and reclaiming certain lands under the tank (and that of this amount, Rs 3000/- may be treated as a loan and the other Rs 3000/- treated as subsidy.

sub 11 of the Loans Land Rules. - 15 of Loans Manual

3. There is provision for the grant of a loan for such purposes under the L.D. Loans Act. As regards subsidy, it may be mentioned, that Govt have ordered that in (the districts of) South Kanara and Malabar, the assistance (in the shape of subsidy) under the ~~New~~ "New Well Subsidy Scheme" will be extended to the construction of new irrigation tanks and also to the repair or improvement of old ones. ~~Hence~~ The petitioner is not entitled to this assistance as the tank is in Bellary district. ~~and also as the distribution of subsidies as Govt stopped on 31-3-48~~. It is therefore for orders whether the petitioner may be informed that he is not entitled to any subsidy and that he may apply for a loan under the L.D. Loans Act.

para 3 of G.O. No 3518 Rev dt 12.11.47

The petr may be informed as above.

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